

Bulletin of the MASSACHUSETTS RIFLE ASSOCIATIONNEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

With a new year upon us once again, the Officers and members of the Board of Directors wish all the members a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

THE DUES ARE DUE

Also at this time of the year, the Treasurer has the job of putting in the mail, the bills for dues for the coming year. By this time, each one of us should have received his. On it you will find an additional \$1.00 assessment for insurance coverage which never was charged before. For those who do not understand what this covers, we will endeavor to enlighten you.

Up until recently, the Club had a policy which covered some liability if anything should happen here at the Club. This was paid for by the Club every year. After a very careful and exhaustive study by RANDY SMITH, a member of the Board, it was found that it did not give us quite the coverage we thought it did. He found out that for a few dollars more we could get a lot more protection that would also take in all members of the Club. (The other policy didn't cover members). To defray the additional cost, it was voted at one of the Board meetings to assess each and every member \$1.00 for this extra insurance coverage.

If you would like more information on this subject, you may have it by contacting RANDY or any other member of the Board and I am sure that they will be only too glad to clear up any questions you may have.

If you have not already done so, we suggest that you send your dues to the Treasurer - Harold W. Morrill, 378 Walnut Street, Newtonville 60, Mass - just as soon as you can so that he can get that business out of his way and concentrate on other matters.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

At the last Board meeting it was voted to hold our Annual Meeting on Saturday evening March 19, 1955. As yet the actual time and place has not been established, but it is expected that all will be settled at the February Board meeting. A committee comprised of GALLUP, McDERMOTT, THORNE and O'CONNOR was appointed by the President to look into a few good spots where we might hold it.

ATTENTION - ALL MEMBERS

An empty Edgeworth tobacco tin with bullet holes in it, which had been used as a "plinking" target, and two empty .32 calibre automatic cartridge cases were found upstairs at the indoor range.

All members know that anyone using ammunition or cartridges larger than .22 calibre long rifle rim fire, can be expelled from the Club. Members of the Board are watching for infractions.

GOOD TIME A TURKEY SHOOT

For those of you who missed the Turkey Shoot held at the Clubhouse on Sunday, December 19th, missed a good time. The event was announced in the last bulletin, but the heavy Christmas mail delayed delivery to most of our members until after the event. All in all, it was great. There were two matches on "Lucky Targets" for turkeys - the first one won by Joe Holden, the second match by Fred Frizzell with a sweet 53 out of a possible 54! There were some very nice prizes given out for those who shot skill targets, plus some good door prizes. For the little publicity it had, the event went over very well. There's talk about a Ham Shoot around Easter time.

JOHNNY McDERMOTT REPORTS..... that the team is having a very good year. The next issue will include a progress report from Captain Johnny.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS?

If you have any applications for membership please turn them in to the Membership Committee. Remember- there's a limit, and new members will be admitted in order of receipt of application. Initiation fee, \$10.-, dues, \$10.- plus the \$1.- assessment and a written character reference must accompany each application.



EXTRA!

ANNUAL MEETING & BANQUET
SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 19, 1955

ODD FELLOWS HALL, TANNERS BANK BLDG, WOBURN SQUARE

DINNER AT 6:30 --- \$3.00 PER PERSON

(BUSINESS MEETING AT 8:00)

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This Annual Meeting is YOUR meeting! A fine dinner is to be served-
The menu is as follows:

Fruit Cocktail

ROAST TURKEY

Cranberry Sauce - Dressing - Giblet Gravy

Mashed Potatoes - Green Peas - Fritters - Salad

Relishes

Rolls and Butter

Platters of Assorted Ice Creams

Cookies - Coffee



For those who may want some refreshment, it will be available before the meeting, but will not be served while the meeting is in progress. As mentioned above, the price to members and guests will be \$3.00 per person.

Odd Fellows Hall is located in Woburn Square and is very easy to reach from any of the surrounding cities and towns. Parking is no problem since stores in Woburn Square are closed on Saturday nights. By train from Boston, the Hall is just a three minute walk from the Woburn station, and trains to and from Boston run quite frequently

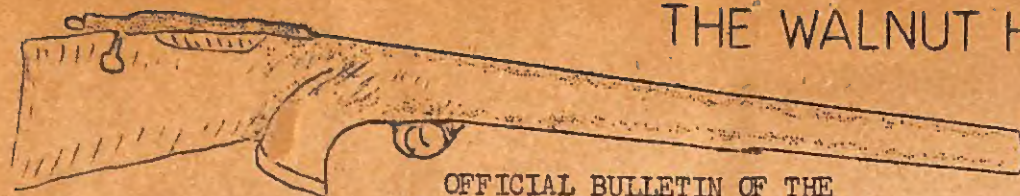
It is hoped that every member will make an effort to attend the Annual Meeting and Banquet this year. Vital problems confronting the Association will be discussed by the membership, and as this is the only meeting of the year open to all members, you should make sure you attend. Election of officers and members to the Board of Directors will take place also. Be there to cast your vote for the persons you want to run the Club for the coming year. Remember the date - March 19th - 6:30 PM.

A card is enclosed which we would like you to return as soon as you possibly can so that the Banquet Committee will know whether or not you will attend, and whether you intend to bring a guest or guests, with you. You may bring as many guests as you care to, but the price is \$3.00 per person. All return cards must be in the hands of the Committee NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MARCH 14th, 1955.

AN ADDED NOTE

The Indoor Rifle team is holding its own in the Indoor League this year. There are only eight or so matches left. Captain Johnny McDermott tells me that Hanson, LeGrow, Foote, Nelson, Bullock and Turner are all having a good year. Good luck to you and here's hoping when the final scores are tabulated, Massachusetts Rifle Association will be up near the top. Oh, yes! Your 1955 dues are now due. Mail your checks to the Treasurer or the Secretary, if you have not already done so.

C. U. 4 sure on March 19th,
The Target Boy



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RESERVATIONS BY MARCH 14TH, PLEASE

OUR ANNUAL MEETING

At the meeting of the Board of Directors last Tuesday, plans were completed for our Annual Meeting, which, as you can see above, is to be held on March 19th, in Odd Fellows Hall - Tanners Building, in Woburn Square. Dinner is to be served at 6:30 P. M., with the business meeting to take place about 8:00 o'clock. Guests will be welcome! Price of tickets for the dinner will be \$3.00 which will give us a very fine turkey dinner with all the fixin's - and plenty of it.

Charlie O'Connor reported that returns were coming in a bit slow, but expects a record crowd at the affair. You received a return postcard on which to make your reservation in last month's Bull-Gun. Get that card in the mail today - and not later than the 14th! Caterer must know how many to provide for, so let's have your early cooperation.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ARE TO BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED AT THIS MEETING!and there are many subjects to be discussed that are vital to the welfare of the Club. Remember, too, that this is the only meeting of the year open to the membership at large, and you should be sure to attend.

Get that card off to Charlie in the return mail!

OUR TREASURER SAYS.....

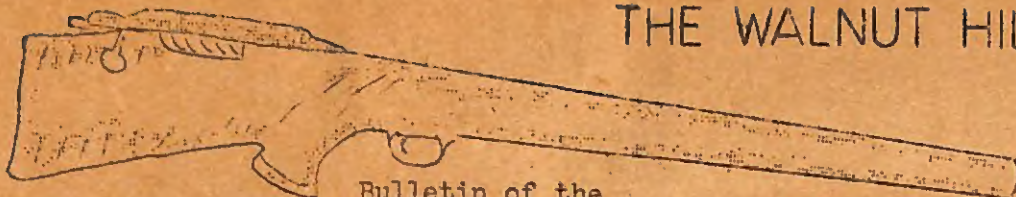
It is well that all members be advised of the provisions of Article VII, Section 3, of our By-Laws, which read:

"The Annual Dues, except for existing life members who are exempt, shall be \$10.00, payable in advance on the first day of January in each year, and if the annual dues of any member shall remain unpaid for four months thereafter, his membership shall cease and he cannot be reinstated except by vote of the Board of Directors and payment of all arrears to the Association."

These By-Laws are very specific and at the present time there are quite a few members who have not sent in their dues, plus the \$1.00 assessment, to the Treasurer. For your information the Treasurer is Harold W. Morrill, and his address is 378 Walnut Street, Newtonville 60, Massachusetts. He'll be waiting to hear from you!

TO STIMULATE YOUR ATTENDANCE -

Walnut Hill, as the Massachusetts Rifle Association, has been going along since 1870 as a shooting club and it should be continued as a shooting club. More and more residences and industries are crowding us. The value of the Club property has increased to such an extent that the days of operating the club as in the past are over, and good, sound, common sense business knowledge will be needed to continue. We have made excellent progress in the last several years. We have spent considerable money on the buildings in the past few years and much more needs to be done, particularly the Club house. The Director's job in the future will not be an easy one, due to the fact that the valuable desirability of the property is becoming more and more pressing. Common sense and good business judgment will have to be paramount in the years ahead. Therefore it is a MUST that every member attend this meeting to familiarize himself with the facts as they affect you, as a member, and your club. Nominations for Officers and Directors will be made from the floor. You have the right to nominate! This is your opportunity to place in nomination the men of your choice. Your attendance at this meeting will show your interest in the selecting and electing of the governing body. C. U. on the 19th?



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WE HAD A GOOD MEETING

Although a large majority of our members failed to attend the Annual Meeting and Banquet held on Saturday, March 19th, those who did had a very pleasant evening. After a delicious dinner, the meeting was called to order by President McHugh shortly before 8 P.M.

After various communications and reports from the various committees were read to the membership, the real business of the meeting took place. The election of Officers and members to the Board of Directors got under way.

Harold Morrill was re-elected without opposition to the office of Treasurer and James Drumgoole was re-elected without opposition to the office of Secretary. Charles Thorne and James O'Neill were elected to the offices of Vice President.

To fill fifteen (15) places on the Board of Directors, twenty five members were nominated. Those elected to the Board for the coming year are as follows:

John McDermott
Randy Smith
John Bullock
Joe Collins
E. Kidder

Charles O'Connor
Rollie Stiles
Joe Fuhs
William Cutts
Austin McHugh

Fred Frizzell
Pete Mattson
Charles Thorne
Al Reed
Harry Nelson

From this group, Austin McHugh was elected once again to serve as your President for the coming year, and the group decided to hold the Board meetings on the first Monday of every month.

A REMINDER

Members who fail to pay their dues for the current year have only until April 30th to do so! Those who do not, will be dropped from the Club on that date. So....if you have not already done so, make sure that you send your check to Harold Morrill before the deadline **APRIL 30TH**! Harold's address?378 Walnut Street, Newtonville 60, Mass.

'55 EASTERN MASS. RIFLE LEAGUE

The Directors, at their April meeting, voted to enter a team in the Eastern Massachusetts Rifle League, competing on the ranges at Wakefield. Dates of the meet are as follows:

Saturday, April 30th - 2:30 P.M. Sunday, May 8th - 9:00 A. M.

Saturday, May 14th - 2:30 P.M. --- Sunday, May 29th - 9:00 A.M. and

Saturday, June 11th, 2:30 P.M.

Rollie Stiles was elected team captain this year and we know he will do a very fine job, but he will have to have the help of a lot of shooters from the club. You do not have to be a 'hot' shot to shoot on the team. This is for the enjoyment of those who like to shoot. Rollie Stiles can be contacted at the club, or you may phone him at MELrose 4-3798. Let's get behind Rollie and make it easy for him!

TWO NEW MEMBERS ELECTED

Norman O. Vachon
37 McBride St., Jamaica Plain

Two new members were voted into the club at the last meeting. Greet 'em when you meet 'em! Good shooting!
Harold E. Thompson
132 Irving Street, Everett

OUR SYMPATHY

We are sorry to report that death has struck at the homes and families of two of our members. E. M. Kidder's mother passed away, and the wife of Harold Dingley passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to members and their families.

D.E.M. Qualification Certificates.....the following have qualified on both the pistol and rifle, and D. E. M. Certificates have been awarded to them:

Pete Mattson

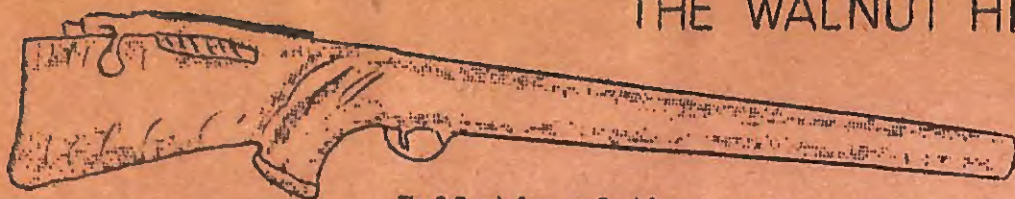
Charlie Thorne

Arthur Legrow

A WORD TO THE WISE

There's good times a-comin' up at the club, come these warm nights and longer light. Come on up and join with the others who are enjoying themselves at informal shoots. And.....some work nights will again hold forth. There is a lot of work to be done and the only way we can get it done is to do it ourselves - and that means all of us, not just a few. Every extra hand makes the work lighter! More about this in the next issue.

C. U. on the Range
The Target Boy



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LISTEN HERE and HEAR

It is well known throughout New England and even the Eastern United States that the facilities offered by the Walnut Hill Gun Club - YOUR CLUB - are among the finest to be found. Another fact is that YOUR CLUB is one of the oldest gun clubs in the country. We have twice mentioned that this is YOUR CLUB. Are you taking advantage of all these excellent facilities?

There is no better time to avail yourself of these fine accommodations than NOW. In the spring of the year, and in the early summer, you have the additional hour of daylight to enjoy the sport that you deem YOUR SPORT.

You will always find a few fellow members about the club every night with whom you can engage in a friendly shoot or conversation. Well do we know that there is something always ready for a subject of conversation or discussion.

Come on up some evening, and enjoy the fellowship that prevails. We'll be looking for you.

Get Well, Frank

Frank Whipple, a long time favorite at the Club has been missed for over a period of three months or so. It is with regret that we recently learned that Frank was a patient at the Brooks Hospital in Brookline, where he underwent an operation. Frank is now at his home where he is recuperating and coming along real well.

We hope that it won't be too long before we once again see this old familiar figure on the firing line.

Good luck, Frank, and a speedy recovery to you from all your friends at the Club.

TEN WAYS TO KILL AN ORGANIZATION

1. Don't come to the meetings, or the Club house.
2. If you do, come late.
3. If the weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, find fault with the work of the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office, as it is easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, feel hurt if you are not appointed on the committee; but if you are, do not attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion on some matter, tell him you have nothing to say; after the meetings tell everyone how things ought to have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary, but, when members roll up their sleeves and willingly, unselfishly use their ability to help matters along, say that the Club is run by a clique.
9. Hold back your dues as long as possible- or, don't pay at all.
10. Don't bother about getting new members. Let someone else do it.

(After following these suggestions, you'd better resign!)

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IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

Now that the good old summertime is with us once again, we would like to remind all members that when the mercury in the thermometer outside your window starts to climb, and the city heat is beginning to become unbearable, why not grab one of your rifles or hand guns and drive out to the club. You will find it a whole lot cooler on the Range and you can enjoy yourself while the rest of the city folks swelter. And the fellowship is good, too.

THE BOARD MEETING

At the June meeting of the Board of Directors, it was voted to cancel the July and August meetings. Because of the vacation periods during these two months, the Board members felt that it would be better to cancel the meetings than hold them with only a few members in attendance. If anything of importance should come up that needs the attention of the Board, a special meeting will be called to take care of it. So, for the next two months, the "Bull-Gun" will not go to press, but it will be back in circulation right after the September Board meeting.

THE N. R. A.

Cards were sent out by the Secretary a few weeks back concerning membership in the NRA. Some members misunderstood the NRA for MRA, and calls were coming in from some of the boys, asking, "How come, don't they know whether I am a member or not?" This notice was in regard to the NRA (National). It only meant that by being a member of the MRA, you could save a dollar on your NRA membership by having the Secretary fill out your membership card. It was just as easy as that. Sorry we were misunderstood. Anyone wishing to take advantage of this offer can do so by contacting Jim Drumgoole, here at the Club. He's our Secretary, you know!

VOTE OF THANKS.....goes to Joe Holden for the electrical work done in the house on the grounds. It was work well done, Joe, and very much appreciated by the Board of Directors.

HAVE YOU NOTICED???

The grounds of the Association are looking better these past few weeks. Not that they haven't been looking well, we wanted to bring out somewhere in the Bulletin the fact that you are the proud owners of a power mower. The old type push mower wore themselves out and it took from four to five hours of back-breaking labor to keep the grounds looking well. Now it is a matter of minutes - several minutes, that is!

RIFLE MATCHES ARE OVER

The Eastern Mass. Rifle Matches finished up on Saturday, June 11th, and Rollie Stiles, Captain of the MRA tells me that they had a very fine time shooting in these matches. We would like to express his appreciation to all those members who were on the team with him.

THE RANGE

Until September, then, we will have the Range "So long for now," and hope that one has a very enjoyable summer. The Range is open to all members anytime. The Range never closes. Hope to see a lot of you. And also remember - IT'S C-



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WE'RE BACK IN THE SWIM

After a two month lay-off, which was delightful, the Board of Directors held their monthly meeting on Monday evening, September 12th.

President Austin McHugh opened the meeting at eight o'clock. A few of the old faces were absent, but we hope they will all be present at the October meeting.

A number of important items face the Board this year and we need all the help we can get.

One of the items discussed and voted on was the Eastern Massachusetts Small Bore Rifle League. The team captained by John McDermott last year had a very successful year, so it was decided to enter the League again

this year. The Small Bore League will begin some time in November and runs until March. The correct dates of the schedule will be announced just as soon as they are made public. Matches will be held on Friday evenings here and at various other club houses in the league.

Now....the most important item in any league competition and particularly in the club entered is participants. SHOOTERS ARE NEEDED!!! At the meeting a few volunteered to shoot for the Club, but more are needed. Austin McHugh will captain this year's entry for the Mass. Rifle Association. If you are interested, and we hope that you are, please get in touch with Austin or any one at the Club. Let's have an even better year than the very successful one last year. No reason why we shouldn't, with the talent that is around.

Get a good start now by coming out to the Club and getting your shooting eye in shape.

OUR CONDOLENCES.

Since we last met, our Club lost one of its oldest and finest members when on August 22nd, Frank Whipple passed away. Frank had been ill since last February and had been confined to the hospital for seven months or so. He had been an active member of this Association for over thirty years. Everyone will miss Frank's genial smile and competitive spirit and the sympathy of the Association goes to Frank's wife and family in their great loss.

MEMBERS ARE NEEDED

There are at present a few openings in the Club for new members. If you know of someone who is a shooter and is interested in joining a good Club, ask Secretary Jim for an application, have it properly filled out, submit it to the Membership Committee along with the initiation fee (\$10.00) and membership fee (\$11.00) for a grand total of \$21.00.

Let's see if we can add a few new names to our Club's roster.

Joe Holden and John McDermott have been working on some new benches for the range. Anyone interested in helping out in any way would be appreciated.

Pete Matson had a slight accident at the Club a few Sundays ago. We all were mighty happy that it did not turn out as serious as it first appeared to be, and that Pete is none the worse for wear and tear.

C U ON THE RANGE!

The Target Boy.